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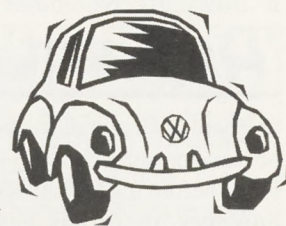
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Debating Egg Donation

by Laura Simmons

"Responsibility & Privilege"

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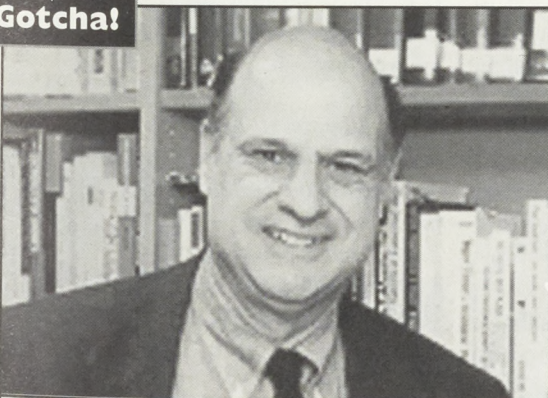
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Dates to Remember

Mon, Nov 6	Tony Campolo at Fuller 7:30 p.m. 1st Congregational Church
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Wed, Nov 8	Korean Ministry Seminar 3-4:30 p.m. Geneva Room
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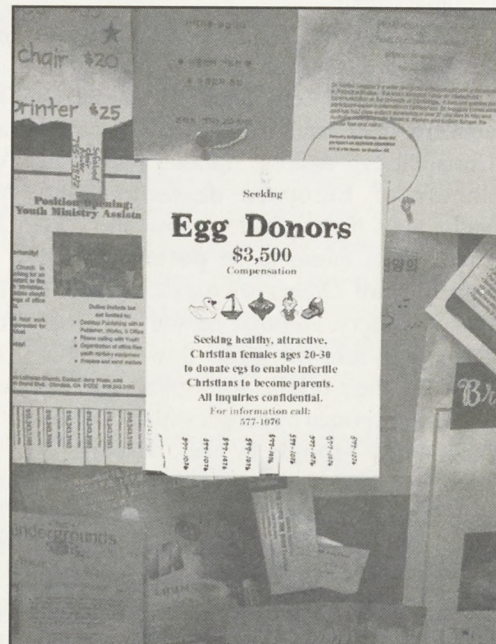
That's right, we "got" Tony Campolo—renowned author, professor, media personality, etc.—this Monday evening at the First Congregational Church! Sponsored by the President's Office and the Peace and Justice Concerns Committee.

Editor's Note

I don't know what your reaction will be to this SEMI but I can tell you what I—and the rest of the SEMI staff—hope and pray it will be. We present the following *issue of opinions* on egg donation to you with the intention of promoting contemplation rather than controversy, understanding rather than overreacting, respectful dialogue rather than hurtful accusations.

The fact of the matter is, however, that this is not a simple topic with clear-cut, right-or-wrong answers but there is a lot of emotion, a lot of pain and anguish, involved. These writers wrote what they did because they feel strongly about this topic, not because the SEMI asked them to write. (In fact, only one of the articles was solicited.) Because of this, you will find some of the opinions expressed are raw, strong, maybe even too harsh. You may be offended by the language used by a writer. You may not agree with the writer. *The SEMI* doesn't always agree with what is said and how it is said—but we feel the voices should be heard in their authenticity for honest, meaningful dialogue to result.

Our mission is to serve "as a connecting point...a forum and a voice for issues." It is for these reasons that we present you with this SEMI. —Editor (srf)



Flyers, such as this one posted in the Garth, have attracted attention...and controversy.

Several weeks ago, items posted on the Board of Declaration were so old, Sunorthodox, or uninteresting that a frustrated student wrote at the top of several documents, "So what's your point? What are you 'declaring?'" Her frustration underscores the sad fact that, more often than not, the Board of Declaration is not serving its purpose—to provide a place for ongoing dialogue on oft-controversial topics. Conceived as a present-day "Wittenburg Door," the Board instead becomes a place for petty gripes, limited-interest discussions, or random ads posted there because of all the empty space. In my seven years at Fuller, only four or five times has the Board really "heated up" with a fast-and-furious discussion. Sometimes it's about racism, or sexual orientation, or political differences, or the ubiquitous problem of parking.

In recent weeks, the Board has heated up once more. Questions of personal pain and pastoral understanding, God's sovereignty, racism, ethical decision-making, and community responsibility have converged in a sometimes fierce discussion about egg donation. It is not ordinarily the policy of the SEMI to engage

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in Board of Declaration discussions, simply because production delays mean that news is old before it gets to this paper. This time, however, there has been a deliberate decision to move the discussion from the Board of Declaration into the SEMI, so that it can present to a broader audience some of the various stances and opinions of Fuller community members on this particular (volatile) topic.

At issue are flyers posted around campus for the last month or so, recruiting egg donors to help families unable to conceive. One version of the flyer specified Christian egg donors. Another requested donors of European descent. Some individuals have questions how and why such flyers came to be posted around campus at all. Others call the racial criteria discriminatory. Another person criticized those who tore the flyers down without knowing their origin. As it turns out, the flyers were posted by people within our own community—people in pain, desperately seeking solutions for their infertility.

This is a hard situation—no doubt about that. I myself may have pulled one of the flyers down, thinking it had been posted by some off-campus opportunist, as so many flyers are nowadays. (Now that there is no centralized approval process for items posted on campus, the campus gets plastered with solicitations both internal and external, both appropriate and inappropriate. I remember seeing egg donor solicitations in college, and probably

thought these flyers were being posted on campuses across the Southland.)

Why pull the flyer down? Because when I took the egg donation idea seriously in college (it pays a lot of money, after all), a pro-life friend reminded me of what usually happens to those eggs. Were I to donate eggs, several would be harvested and fertilized—but only a few embryos implanted. The rest would ordinarily be aborted. If I have a choice, I don't want to participate in abortion in any form.

Here's where it gets especially tricky, though. By pulling a flyer down, I am making someone else's choice for them—I am saying that because I don't agree ethically with egg donation, nobody else should either. Not only that, but, making things even more complicated, there now exists at least one "embryo adoption" ministry. Based here in Southern California, this organization rescues those embryos that would otherwise have been discarded once a family's fertility treatment has concluded. Families seeking to adopt have the option to adopt an embryo and give birth, rather than adopting an already-born child. Other families save additional embryos for future implantations, rather than discarding unimplanted embryos.

Some people object to the flyers because the whole process of in-vitro fertilization seems a little too much like "making Ishmael" rather than waiting for God to provide Isaac. These would argue that every birth in Scripture is an exception rather than a rule, but that we have made birth a rule, a right. In this view, egg donation is a way of circumventing God's chosen means of conception. Others' response to this argument is that God is also the author of fertility technology, so why can't God use that means of conception?

Another objection to the flyers is that it is a very public way of advertising and discussing what is normally quite a personal problem. It is embarrassing to be having such a private, personal, and painful discussion so publicly. People will be and have been hurt by it. Those seeking to conceive have been hurt by the occasionally insensitive responses of those who do not understand

the agony of infertility. We do not all understand how great their pain must be that they would advertise publicly for help.

Also hurt by the discussion have been those of non-European descent who feel excluded by the criterion on some flyers that egg donors be of European descent.

The issue of Anglos' raising non-Anglo children is a controversial one. I remember talking several years ago with a friend who was infertile. I asked if she had considered adoption, and she said, "Find me a white baby to adopt, and I'll do it." I asked

why the baby had to be white, and the only response she could give was that she didn't feel prepared to raise a non-white child. Some foster and adoption agencies actually will not permit Anglo parents to adopt or foster non-white children, because they feel strongly that a child needs to be raised in its own culture. Others believe that any parent who chooses a child through adoption will give that child love and care. I know an Anglo couple that has adopted seven children from Ethiopia and is in the process of adopting a child of Latin American descent. I have seen the pains they take to expose their children to the Ethiopian culture, languages, and people—and without being adopted, many of these children would have died.

The issue of egg donation is not an easy one, no matter how much we would like it to be. This SEMI presents perspectives from some members of our community. Responses are welcome—here or on the Board.

Laura Simmons is an editor-emeritus of the SEMI (which explains her knowledge of our policies and procedures) and a two-time SOT grad. She is currently working full-time in the School of World Mission.



NOTE: Due to time and space limitations, the SEMI may not be able to publish responses in a future issue. However, we will forward received responses to the appropriate individual writer(s).—Editor

All Seminary Chapel

Nov. 8 **Wilbert Shenk: Installation**
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A Deadline Decision

by Sandra Furukawa

I'm going to let you in on a little secret: this editorial was not supposed to be. There wasn't going to be an editorial for this issue—hence the *Editor's Note* on the first page—but something happened on the way to deadline and that is why I am sitting here prayerfully pecking away at the keyboard at 3:49 a.m. on Wednesday, the first day of November.

What happened was that an article that we were going to "run" (*journalistic jargon for "print"*) had to be "pulled" (*journalistic jargon for "yikes, no more article to run"*) because the writer didn't want to be identified, which is what our policy requires (except in very special cases). Normally, it wouldn't be that big of a deal...but this time it was.

One reason why is that the writer told us she changed her mind around 4 p.m. yesterday, Tuesday. Our deadline day—when we have to send the finished issue to the printer. Our goal is to send the issue out by 5 p.m., at the very latest 6:15 p.m., so I can make it to class and Matt can do his homework for tomorrow.

The second but equally important reason is that—as you may have noticed by now—this issue is dedicated to covering the topic of egg donation and that article was "pro-donating." With it included, the issue was balanced with one neutral article, two anti-donating articles and two pro-donating articles. Now, without the article, the issue ends up unbalanced and appears to be promoting an anti-donating agenda. This was not our intention—our intention was to support dialogue. We don't like being put in this position but out of fairness to the other contributors, because it was logistically impossible to take out an article, and because we had only a few hours to complete the paper, we chose to finish the issue and try to balance it as much as possible.

A third reason why the pulled article is such a big deal is because it just happened to be the reason for this issue being about egg donation. Weeks ago the writer, a Fuller student, introduced herself to me, explaining that she was speaking on behalf of the group posting the flyers. She then asked if the SEMI would run a letter from the group pleading for people to quit taking down and/or throwing away the flyers. Recognizing an opportunity to educate and promote understanding, we ended up talking several times over the next few weeks and she eventually wrote that particular article on behalf of the group. It explained who they were in general terms (no individual names), why they were specifically advertising for "attractive, European Christian women, ages 18-32" to be egg donors, and how being an egg donor can be a very positive experience. Out of the blue, other writers contacted me, saying they had opinions to state on the matter. Laura agreed to help out by taking time out of her busy schedule to write the introductory article. Things fell into place, the issue took shape, and we were right on schedule...well, that is, until the writer changed her mind.

Now I'm not saying that the writer didn't have valid reasons for withdrawing her article. Her concerns seemed reasonable. But the timing of it...especially knowing that she was told weeks ago that in this case she would have to be identified. She's had weeks to change her mind—and she chose to change it at almost the last moment possible. Not a good situation...but I'm putting my trust in God to work things out and to make sure what needs to be included is included in this issue.

In a last effort to balance the issue, below we've included the testimony of a Fuller student who supports donation. No matter what side—if any—of the debate you're on, I pray that you'll be open to listening, learning from, and respecting others even if you disagree with them. God be with us as we consider this sensitive and important subject.

At first I was apprehensive, but in the end my experience as an egg donor proved to be a very rewarding and emotionally gratifying experience. I even came to enjoy the medical side of it: the medications, ultrasounds, and early morning doctor office visits.

I donated to a woman who had worked in Christian ministry for years. She suffered from age-related infertility and had always wanted to be a mother. I was able to help her realize her dream. I know she and her husband will be great parents. I know their child will be loved and cherished and grow up to serve the Lord as they have.

The opportunity to help someone really only comes around a few times in life. I feel that egg donation gave me a wonderful opportunity to bless some very special people.

—A Fuller student, name withheld, for confidentiality.

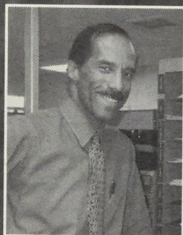
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Tues, Dec 5	Week 1 issue (Due to holidays)

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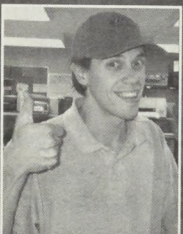
Question of the Week:
**What do you think about (human)
egg donation?**

Charles Cooper
SOP Office staff



For couples who really want to raise a family but cannot, for physiological reasons, this is a good idea. I think anyone who wants to raise a family—by adoption, in vitro, etc.—should be given the opportunity to do so.

David Creech
SOT M.Div., 2nd year



It is a sensitive and difficult issue and to arrive at a black or white answer can hurt people involved. This said, egg donation may be an amazing gift but it also raises tough ethical issues. It should be pursued in prayer not on the Board of Declaration.

Judith Griesinger
SOP Office staff



I think egg donation gets into *Playing God* territory. It undercuts the gifts and plan that God has for each one of us as his created individuals and attempts to thwart the boundaries of God's natural law. It is idolatry. How do we know what incestual couplings are set loose in succeeding generations? Oedipus Rex rides again!

Matt Westbrook
SOT M.Div. 2nd year



To be able to carry and bear a child is a deep need in many cultures. However, I just wouldn't be able to get passed the many lonely and hurting faces of unwanted existing children. "Tis nobler to adopt."

A Dilemma Concerning Life

by Deepak Babu

Ah, life! Such a precious gift. And precious still is the ability to participate in its creation. Even as I write, I am conscious of the fact that my wife and I will in a few days hold in our hands our first child. As these days of joy approach, I realize that many couples struggle with this issue. This struck me about as hard as possible when I recently read, on the Board of Declaration, different takes on a recent advertisement for donors of European eggs. That this is a controversial issue is putting it quite mildly if one considers the way certain viewpoints were voiced. I would like to contribute to the debate.

Let me state at the outset that I support egg donor programs if the organization does not stand to profit. I also want the reader to know that I am from India and am 100% Indian.

That said, I fully support the Fuller students who have advertised for human eggs since their organization is non-profit. One of the comments claimed that these students had placed the advertisement on the Board of Declaration. If that is true, it is the only problem I have, since the Board is for opinions and not for advertising. This, however, is a minor issue.

Now, in my opinion, it serves no purpose to accuse these students of trying to create a superior race. That couples desire their children to look like them is only to be expected.

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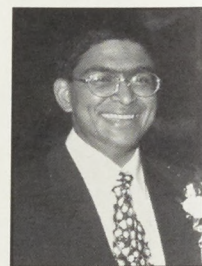
How many times have we as children been compared to our dads, moms, aunts, uncles? Part of contributing biologically to the life of our children is contributing genetically. For couples where either husband or wife is sterile, why should we think of malicious purposes when they want the spouse who is fertile to contribute to their child's genetic constitution?

It is also counter-productive to hurl abusive words at each other. We can certainly critique each other but not abuse. The potential egg donors were charged with "ovarian whoring"—hardly a just charge. After all, the women who donate their eggs are helping other women whose ovaries are not functioning properly. Modern medicine is full of similar examples. We have blood transfusions when a person's bone marrow does not produce the appropriate blood cells. Kidneys are transplanted when someone's kidneys do not function. Are these instances of prostitution? After all, in all cases the donor is compensated monetarily! And would donation of an egg gratis make it all right? It is time we saw egg donation for what it is—compensating for a reproductive system that is not functioning. It is an attempt to join God in the wonderful process of creating life. Yes, it is artificial. But then, so are all our methods of contraception! And it is probably better to use artificial means to produce life than to refuse it.

Now, there are other options like adoption. But it is certainly not for only those who are infertile! Moreover, there is something wonderful that happens during the nine months of pregnancy. There is thrill and anticipation and the visible manifestation of these in the ever blossoming womb of the pregnant wife. I have been there. And this is missing in adoption. Mind you, I am all for adoption. And I admire deeply the people I know who have adopted children. But adoption is not for everyone.

Even if we disagree with the methods chosen by these couples, we must try to place ourselves in their shoes. They are people who desire children—a good desire. But the natural ability has been denied them. Can we understand the anguish they are in? Can we fathom the pain? I know the joy of a pregnancy and an imminent birth and I know that infertility would rob couples of that joy. That gives me a tiny window into what they are going through. I wish no one had to go through such anguish. But in this broken world of ours death casts its unruly shadow into all areas of our existence. And I will applaud all such attempts to pierce this darkness with the light of life, for life cannot but be from God.

Fuller student Deepak is husband to Alice and soon to be a dad to their first child to whom he would love to communicate the joys of living in God's love and loving God's gift of life.



Adoption Over Donation

By Sarah Getz

Five years ago I may have been an egg donor. Now, the idea makes me sick.

First, a story: Last spring, some friends let me know that they are considering another adoption. They are wonderful, intelligent people; they each have Ph.D.'s, are leaders in their community and their congregations, and are excellent parents—but they have not been able to have their own children. They adopted their son four years ago, a handsome happy young boy, from a young mother and her boyfriend who my friends had met through word of mouth. It had been a wonderful experience for everyone involved. They are now wanting to adopt another child and were asking that we keep them in mind should we hear of any mothers considering abortion or adoption.

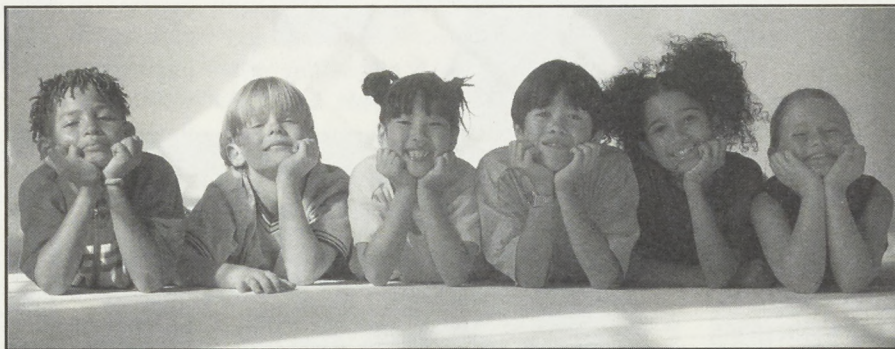
This summer, a neighbor looked rather stressed. She confided in me that her niece, a senior in college, was pregnant and was considering an abortion. I told my neighbor about my friends who wanted to adopt so that she could pass the information along. I

was thrilled that we may have found a little brother or sister for my friends' family. But, the next week my neighbor told me that we were too late. Her niece had aborted the child.

In light of this, let us posit an ad seeking egg donors: \$3500 for attractive, intelligent, Christian women of European descent. It sounds very appealing, but I have a number of problems with this:

Most disconcerting are the qualifying traits requested of the donors. Christianity is not inherited. Attractiveness, physical or otherwise, is a trait defined by the beholder and is not inherent within the individual. Similarly, intelligence is largely the result of social construct, reflecting the enrichment of the person's environment rather than a certain genetic propensity. Even ethnic background is a misnomer. There have been Moorish Europeans for 1500 years, yet I imagine that the advertisement for "Donors of European

Decent" would not include dark-skinned Europeans. These descriptors are simply too vague. They leave me, the reader of the ad, inferring that the actual text ought to be something more like "Wanted: White women (blond hair/blue eyes preferred, genetic testing available) with SAT scores higher than 1100 (GRE required, BA/BS preferred), approximately 36x26x36 figures (present photo with application), of Protestant background (Presbyterian preferred). UGLY, DUMB, DARK HEATHENS NEED NOT APPLY." My point is this: quantification of these traits as empirical value is generally a tool for evaluation of relative worth, and I believe that the relative worth of a human cannot be summarized by physique, intellect, or skin tone.



Getz believes that the relative worth of a human being cannot be summarized by factors such as physique, intellect, and skin tone.

Relative worth brings me to the next problem: the economic value of humans. Slavery and prostitution are examples such as an exchange economy. Children should not be given economic value, and the egg donation (child creation) process is being billed as a financial exchange between strangers. Should a family want a child of their own, they could ask friends, relatives, and/or the greater church community for the gift of donation, but humans should not be an effect of supply and demand. One might liken egg donation to organ donation, but organ donation saves the life of one who would otherwise lose it, typically by using the organs of those who have lost their life. There is no financial reimbursement. Egg donation creates a new life where there had not been one before, and the eggs are harvested as the sale of part of a living person's body. The two are very different.

Finally, we come to the problem of social responsibility. It is generally accepted that the Gospel is a story of reaching out to others and ministering to them. Therefore we, as Christians, have a social responsibility to those in need. Our world is overpopulated and in future years the problem of world hunger is expected to escalate. Meanwhile, there has been a huge increase in numbers of abortions among young single women who have no means to provide for their children. And in L.A., there has been a significant increase in babies abandoned in dumpsters.

Are infertile couples "clean-up crews"? Yes, just as we are ALL "clean-up crews".... We all have a responsibility to the frightened mothers and the unwanted babies of our community. The infertile couple is simply in

a better position to help. Even if you are not able to care for a disabled child, or even a child with skin of a different color as your own, instead of advertising for a egg donor, please find a white, attractive, intelligent, young Christian girl who would otherwise abort her child. I've known a number of such mothers who aborted their children. My own two

beloved children were unplanned, and my Christian sister had asked me to abort and wait until I was older and wealthier. Had I listened to her....

This same sister had great difficulty becoming pregnant. Had she asked me to donate an egg, I would have urged her to seek adoption first. Had adoption not been feasible, I would not have accepted payment for the gift of life. Ultimately, I feel that our responsibility to the poor and unloved is far too great for us to ignore, and that solicited egg donation ignores these issues.

Sarah Getz is a wife of a Fuller grad and a working mommy of two very cute unplanned boys



Perverting the Privilege of Pregnancy

By RevSisRaedorah

Several weeks ago the graphic of a baby's bootie on a bulletin board flyer posted in the Garth caught my eye. With joyful expectation, I assumed it was an announcement of another baby being born into the Fuller community and into our greater community of beings.

I was excited because I like babies. I like the promise of peace which comes with newborn purity. I like watching babies grow—they are constant reminders of our familial relationship to our Divine Parent. I like the people babies grow up to be. I am diligent and intentional in my efforts to love all people

Fully expecting to celebrate new life, instead, I gasped, I blanched. My eyes got misty, my jaw clenched. I read and re-read what was, instead of a celebration of life, a proclamation of desecration of the gift of life. My thoughts in print is a skeletal frame for deep thought, grievous lament, and exploitative angst felt—and still in process—in response to the advertisement for egg donors.

When did the act of donating morph into a highly lucrative business? Instead of the "haves" giving out of their excess and access to the "have nots" with no expected return, the woman "donating" will actually be handsomely paid for an invasive procedure comparable to the anomaly of consensual rape. The agency paying for the "donation" receives significantly more from the potential parents than what is paid out of pocket to the "donating" woman. All to the end that the potential parents, who are used to buying their way into the American dream, get their wish: a blond-haired, blue-eyed, bouncing baby. To compliment the special order SUV, the hiring of a nanny, and other various and sundry trappings of race, class and sex privilege of White culture.

I might have even responded less vehemently if the flyer were honest. If it had simply asked women whether they would sell their eggs for a set amount. That's the American way in free market trade. But, I guess, that would have been too crude. Too honest. I would have been appalled no less, yet I could have respected the decisions of all involved in the business transaction. However, this is not a model of donating. This is a model of white privilege at its worst. This is a model of privileged

prostitution. No more concubines, in the biblical sense. This is a model of exploitation of women—fertile and barren.

Pregnancy is not the privilege of all. I do not see a biblical precedence for that to be so. Parenting, however, can be experienced by as many who are willing to parent children whose parents, for whatever reasons, could not assume the responsibility. I wonder, why would the families who could afford to pay for the privilege of pregnancy, forgo the privilege of parenting children already born? Of the same dust we are created, to the same dust we will return. Yet, somehow, living in

different color skin in the between times is such an appalling thought to many that egg harvesting and egg selling of a like kind is preferable to loving one already born and in need of parenting.

The timeliness of the flyers showing up on campus

was another concern. They showed up during registration week. When women were facing big tuition bills and relocation expenses. Thirty-five hundred dollars could have taken care of a large portion of real needs! I pray that the temptation to sell her body was not too great for any of our women. I pray that you did not fall prey to exploitation of poor women. I pray that trusting God for a more ethical solution to financial woes won out. I pray, that if you succumbed to the seduction of ill-gotten gain, that when you experience post-traumatic stress from this invasive procedure that you do not suffer alone and in shame, but that you reach out for healing.

In womanist/feminist dialogue, I am often the lone, loud persistent voice to resist pro-abortion privilege. For the same reasons,

I resist pro-pregnancy privilege. Life is a Divine gift. Not a privilege for us to elect or to reject. With the number of sperm and the number of eggs which pass without connecting for life, when the handshake and hug is made, and a baby is formed in the belly, I believe we are called to celebrate *that* life. To employ artificial means for the mere privilege of having a progenitor is so perverse. To abort for the privilege of remaining childless is as perverse. I am, by the way, pro-sterilization of men and women as a voluntary act of body privilege and responsibility (but that is another article.)

I respond to this flyer as a mother. A birth mother of one while married. A single mother nonetheless to four daughters (two black, one white, one bi-racial) when their parents were unable to provide stable parenting. An experienced mother who lends her peace and patience to crying babies and frustrated mothers on cross-country airplanes. A mother whose own pregnancy threatened her life and the life of her not-yet-born baby. A mother who dreamed of having a house full of children at one time (yes, I wanted seven boys) but who instead had to trust that God's will for her life would be one pregnancy instead of many. A mother whose ability to mother was not predicated upon birthing as much as it was upon loving.

All of the fruit from my womb—the heart of mother love—was not created from my eggs. Yet all of the fruit, which will know the nurture of my womb, will never have a "for sale" tag attached nor limited access to my love based on race or class or sex. Pregnancy is a privilege. Parenting is a necessary blessing to all involved.

Egg "donation" is no philanthropic overture. It is prostitution. It is exploitation of poor women. It is the manifestation of white privilege at its worst.

RevSisRaedorah, also known as Raedorah Stewart-Dodd, is mother to Julius-James and many others as well as the founder of Womb-Fruit, a mentoring and fellowship ministry to single mothers with sons. She works in the Office of Student Services and is an M.Div. student.



Snapshots

Campus Happenings



Really big horses and little cute kids in costumes, fun-filled hayrides, Dopey giving out free smiles and balloons, plus a lot of good food and good music, and—our prayers were answered!—no rain (though it did sprinkle a little when things



The Matz and Kenyan group Milele (pictured) gave the crowd reason to clap with their great vocal harmonies.

were being set up) all contributed to a very enjoyable Harvest Festival

on Friday, October 27. Adding to the fun, though not pictured, were lots of great games to play, candy and prizes, cuddly baby goats, a llama, and a little grunting pot-bellied pig. Plus there was very cool



hair-braiding, picture-painting, and cookie-decorating. Oh yes, and the bounce house and pony rides (for kids only). Not to forget about the cotton candy, popcorn, ice cream, soap bubbles, Pikachu, Pat, clowns, cowboys, lions, ballerinas, toy robots, good ol' country boys and girls, and, of course, Winnie the Pooh and Tigger, too—in fact, quite a few Tiggers—plus so, so, so much more! Did you miss the Harvest Festival? Hope not—otherwise you missed out!

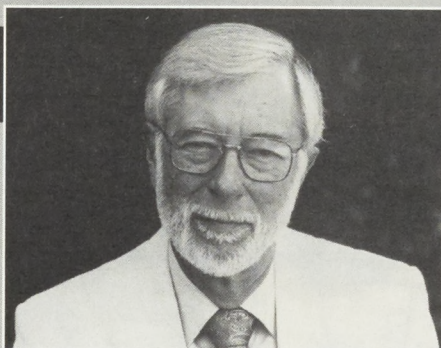
A Tribute to Dr. James McClendon

A message from David Augsburg to the Fuller Seminary community:

We are gathering to celebrate the life, gift, and beauty of James William McClendon, Jr. at a memorial service of worship and thanksgiving, Tuesday, November 7, at 10:00 a.m. in Travis Auditorium.

Bill Pannell will lead us in service of remembrance of Jim, whose presence will be missed, whose presence will continue among us. As a Distinguished Scholar in Residence in the School of Theology, from 1990 to 2000, he graced our faculty with his teaching, writing, Southern charm and Baptist piety.

Dr. Nancey Murphy, Jim's wife, requests no phone calls at home, no flowers. Cards and messages of condolence may be left at the SOT dean's office.



Fin Aid

The following awards are now available:

1 Mephibosheth Scholarship application deadline is Friday, Nov. 17. Applicants must have physical-sensory disabilities which are likely to continue indefinitely, be a full-time student at Fuller, and have financial need. Applicants must have also submitted or will submit a 2000/2001 financial aid application in the Office of Financial Aid.

2 ASC Ethnic American Scholarship deadline is Friday, Nov. 17. Applicants must meet the following requirements:

A) Be a U.S. citizen/permanent resident of either Asian-American, African-American, Hispanic-American, or Native American origin.

B) Enroll for at least 24 units between summer 2000 and spring 2001.

C) Demonstrate financial need of at least \$2000 by submitting a 2000/2001 application for financial aid through the Office of Financial Aid.

D) Not be a previous recipient of the ASC Ethnic American Scholarship.

Check your current status through Campus Pipeline or call 584-5421.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

CAMPUS EVENTS

Tony Campolo at Fuller
Monday, November 6

7:30 p.m. 1st Congregational Church
Tony Campolo, professor emeritus of sociology at Eastern College in St. Davids, Pennsylvania, will speak on "Spirituality and Public Engagement." Free and open to the public.

Ministry Enrichment Seminar
Wednesday, November 8
3-4:30 p.m., Geneva Room

Dr. Yea Sun Kim, School of Theology, will present "Developing Family Ministry for Korean Churches." Dr. Kim will explore the rationale of family ministry in Korean churches in the U.S. and Korea, and will propose tasks that Korean churches need to carry out in order for them to develop family ministry. (Presented in Korean)

Couples' Date Night
Friday, November 10,
5:30-9:30 p.m., Madison House

ResCom and MFT are organizing an evening date night for Fuller couples. A 15-minute seminar by Drs. Judy and Jack Balswick starts off the evening and free childcare is provided. RSVP with Kinoti at 577-6742.

Free Car Wash
Saturday, November 11,
10 a.m.-1 p.m., Psych Parking Lot
Sponsored by the Barnabas Partners. This is an outreach to the Pasadena community. Get the word out to your churches and neighbors.

SOT Advising for Returning Students
November 14-17

It's time once again to schedule a SOT advising appointment! If you've not yet scheduled an appointment with your advisor to prepare for registration, please come by our office or call 584-5425 to make an appointment as soon as possible! We look forward to seeing you!

Prayer Walk
Friday, November 17
4-6 p.m., Catalyst

Join us as we walk around the campus and pray for our school (all of Fuller, not just SWM) and the challenges we are facing now. Sponsored by the SWM Graduate Union.

International Student Party
Friday, November 17
6 p.m. The Garth

Sponsored by the International Students Concerns Committee.

Candlelight Worship
Friday, November 17
7 p.m. Prayer Garden

Sponsored by the SOT Graduate Union.

Prayer Vigil
Friday, November 17
8-11 p.m., Catalyst

Come pray for our school, our community, our world. Sponsored by SWM Graduate Union.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Air Force Chaplaincy Opportunity
Air Force Colonel Chaplain Bill Ruprecht will be in the Garth on Thursday, Nov. 16, to meet with students who may be interested in the Chaplain Candidate program.

Added SWM Course
MR566 Introduction to the Arabic of the Quran, taught by David Johnston, M/W, 8-9:50 a.m.

Affordable Psychotherapy
Available to SOT and SWM students, staff, and families. Ideal for those having difficulties in relationships, adjusting to Fuller or other life changes, and those interested learning more about their thoughts and feelings. \$75.00 for 15 sessions. Please call FPFS for more information at 584-5555

Two New FPFS Groups Starting
An adult Anger Management Group to help people cope with anger in relationships and resultant emotional difficulties. And an Adolescent Group dealing with relationship, peer and school difficulties, substance abuse, violence, emotional and motivational problems. Please call FPFS for more information at 584-5555

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

ASC Vending Coordinator Position
Managing the vending machines on campus. 10 hours a week. Please call 584-5452.

Fundraising Positions
Join a great team and earn extra money! The Office of Development is seeking callers for the Fall 2000 Phonathon (Nov 6-16) to help raise money for grant-in-aid and other Fuller Fund needs. \$8.50/hour. Work 2-4 nights per week M-Thu, 5-9 p.m. Training provided. Come to Human Resources (next to Amy's) for an application or call Barbara Clavo at 584-5490.

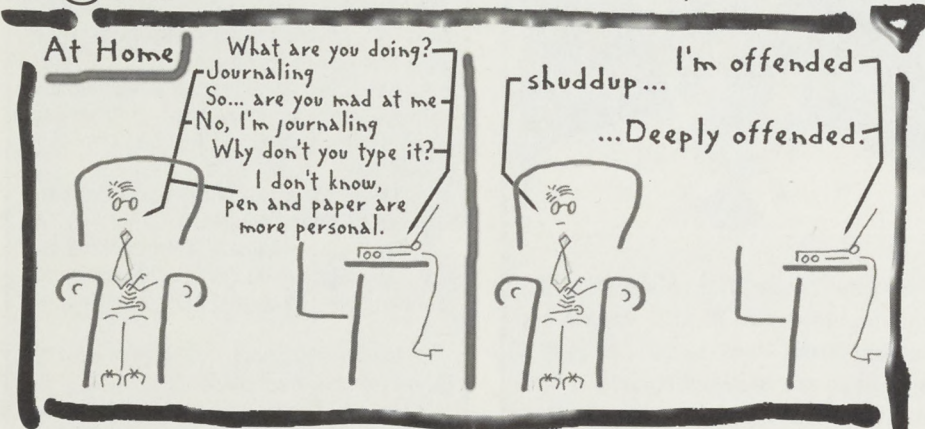
ASC Administrator
Fuller student government is looking for a new administrator. *Position is 20 hours, and includes office hours in the Catalyst, taking minutes at ASC council meetings, and general administrative support to the ASC. Call 584-5452.

Career Resources Ctr Coordinator
Update and maintain career development materials and job listings in the Center. This position also assists the associate director of Career Services in planning and implementing various seminars and workshops for students and alumni/ae of all three schools. For more info, contact Amgad Beblawi at 584-5665.

Immediate Job Opening
The International Student Services Office has two opportunities for flexible part-time work serving new and returning international students. These positions must be filled as soon as possible. For more info, please contact Brenda at 584-5395.

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* artificial intelligence

The campus chaplains are available for prayer support after chapels and Tuesdays@10. They can also be reached at the Chaplains' Office (next to OSS). 584-5322

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Cars Washed White as Snow

by Luci Gutermuth

Over Labor Day weekend, while conducting the Barnabas Partner training on Catalina Island, I profoundly sensed that the Lord is weeping over this city's non-believers who do not know him. As a result, I requested that the Barnabas Partners take their groups and conduct an outreach project to the community.

Then one day after we came back, I had an idea that the Barnabas Partner groups could do a FREE car wash at Fuller for the Pasadena community to express God's love in a practical way. Many people have preconceived notions of God's love for them, interpreting it as "conditional." In effect, a free car wash would be an incredible opportunity to break down those

misconceptions and open up the hearts of people who do not yet know God. Plus it would bless anyone who needs encouragement.

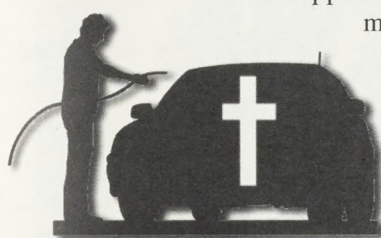
I have heard so many testimonies about churches who have executed this

type of outreach and the recipients are amazed, confounded, and touched by this simple act. Maybe it is because they caught a glimpse of God's kingdom ushered into this world through the loving actions of his servants. Or maybe it is because no one has ever given something to them without expecting something in return. Or maybe it is because they have felt forgotten by God. Whatever the reason, people were truly blessed.

I would like to invite the student body to get the word out to their churches or other communities about this FREE car wash. Please pray for warm, dry California weather and that the Lord will use us to impact the hearts of the people who live near us, the people with whom we interact in stores and at businesses, the people whom we pass everyday.

See the FYI section on page 8 for details on when and where the car wash will be held.

Luci Gutermuth is coordinating the Barnabas Partners program this year.



the SEMI

CLASSIFIED ADS

This section of the SEMI is for the announcement of events or services not directly offered by a Fuller office or organization. For information about rates, contact the SEMI at 584-5430. Note: Individuals are personally responsible for checking on the quality and type of service before contracting or using it. The SEMI and Office of Student Services do not recommend or guarantee any of the services listed.

JOBS

Personal Assistant Needed. The STARSTutoring Program, an outreach of Lake Avenue Church to inner-city children two blocks north of Fuller, needs a very capable part-time administrative and personal assistant 15 hours/week. Please call Jill Shook, (626)797-4072 or 675-1316.

SERVICES

Getting Engaged? Or just want a reliable jeweler? Many Fuller students have come to us and it has been a privilege to help them. We do not sell to the general public. Walter Zimmer Co., wholesale manufacturing jewelers with 82 years experience. Call (213) 622-4510 for hours, days open, and directions. Ask for Mel or Ken Zimmer. (Mel is a member of Glendale Presbyterian Church and is active in the healing ministry.)

Therapy. Fuller alum provides therapy for those struggling with depression, anxiety and/or unresolved pain and conflict. Sliding Scale available. Supervised by Bonnie McLaughlin, MFCC# MFC31478. Call Jane Han, M.S., at 568-7517.

Christians Need Cars Too! SIDCO Auto Brokers serves Christian Colleges, Missions, Staff/Students/Alumni. This is our 12th year

serving only the Christian community. Fuller hotline (909) 949-2778 or (800) 429-KARS. "A good name is chosen rather than riches." —Proverbs 22:1.

Group Therapy Sessions. Announcing two therapy groups facilitated by Sam Alibrando, Ph.D. 1. Helping Professionals Therapy Group for mental health professionals and pastoral counselors; and, 2. Sex Addiction Recovery Group. For information, call 577-8303.

Used Appliances For Sale. GE Refrigerator, 18 cubic feet—\$50. Maytag portable dishwasher—\$50. Sharp Carousel II Microwave—\$50. O'Keefe & Merritt 1960s Stove, white porcelain (oven and storage)—\$250. Call 289-3187.

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